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SUBJ: DOMESTIC REACTION TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE

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1. JAPANESE MEDIA CONTINUED TO GIVE TOP PLAY OCT 9 TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE WHICH WAS GIVEN ADDED FILLIP BY OCT 8 NEW YORK TIMES STORYCITING DOD OFFICIAL'S ASSERTION THAT GOJ AWARE THAT NUCLEARWEAPONS CARRIED ON US WARSHIPS VISITING JAPAN (PARA 7 REFTEL). ALL MEDIA ADDITIONALLY FEATURED REPORTS OF GROWING PRESSURE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN US MILITARY BASE AREAS ON GOJ TO REFUSE PORTCALLS BY US WARSHIPS UNTIL SUSPICIONS CONCERNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS DISPELLED.

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2. MAINICHI ALSO CARRIED FRONT PAGE REPORT ON INTERVIEW WITH

FONMIN KIMURA WHO FLATLY DENIED NEW YORK TIMES STORY THAT GOJ INFORMED OF INTRODUCTION OF NUKES INTO JAPAN BY US WARSHIPS AND REAFFIRMED GOJ POSITION THAT THERE IS NO DANGER OF DEPLOYMENT OF US NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPANESE TERRITORY WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION. KIMURA DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT GOJ EXPECTING THAT USG WOULD TAKE SOME STEPS TO DISPEL PRESENT DOUBTS OF JAPANESE PEOPLE. MAINICHI AND OTHER PAPERS CARRIED BRIEF REPORTS COVERING STATEMENT BY DOD DEP SECRETARY CLEMENTS THAT US STRICTLY OBSERVING SECURITY TREATY AND ALL UNDERSTANDINGS AND AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN ON QUESTION, THUS INDIRECTLY REFUTING LAROCQUE TESTIMONY AND NEW YORK TIMES REPORT.

3. DESPITE EXTRAORDINARY VOLUME AND INTENSITY OF MEDIA COVERAGE, BEGINNINGS OF EDITORIAL RUMINATIONS ABOUT PROBLEM, AND EARLY RUMBLINGS OF DEMONSTRATIONS, AND SOMEWHAT IN CONTRAST TO WORRIED MIEN OF OUR FOREIGN OFFICE COLLEAGUES, THERE IS STILL A GENERAL IMPRESSION OF AN EXPECTANT, WAITING ATMOSPHERE RATHER THAN ONE GATHERING IMMEDIATE FORCE AND BROAD MOMENTUM. MANY OBSERVERS HAVE ECHOED FONMIN KIMURA'S HOPE HAT US ACTION WILL ALLEVIATE THE PRESSURE--OR CLARIFY THE ISSUE--DEPENDING ON THE OBSERVER'S POSITION. TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE, POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS CONTROVERSY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE US RESPONSE AND THUS DETERMINE THE NEXT STAGE OF THE CONTROVERSY, PARTICULARLY IN THE DIET COMMITTEE MEETINGS OPENING NEXT WEEK, IN WHICH THE GAME OF OPPOSITILN THRUST AND GOVERNMENT PARRY HAS A STYLE AND PACE OF ITS OWN AND AN INFLUENCE ON THE GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL ATTITUDES. IT MAY BE THIS ATMOSPHERE THAT HAS LED FONOFF OFFICIALS TO FEEL THAT REPETITION OF OLD ASSURANCES WILL BE AN INADEQUATE DEFENSE FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PUBLIC DEBATE WHICH STARTS IN EARNEST NEXT WEEK.

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